

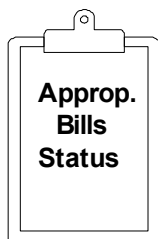
# FISCAL UPDATE

**March 23, 2004**

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### STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS



Appropriations Subcommittee Bills			
Appropriations Subcommittee		LSB/File#	Status
Administration and Regulation		LSB 5000JA	Passed Subcommittee on March 18.
Agriculture and Natural Resources		LSB 6952JA	Passed Subcommittee on March 18.
Economic Development		LSB 5002JA	Passed Subcommittee on March 18.
Education		LSB 5003JA	Passed Senate Subcommittee on March 18.
Judicial Branch		LSB 5006JA	Passed Subcommittee on March 18.
Justice System		LSB 5005JA	Passed Subcommittee on March 18.
Transportation		SF 2112	Passed House on March 15.

Other Appropriations Bills			
98.0% General Fund Expenditure Limitation		HF 2039	Item vetoed and signed by the Governor on February 12.
Environment First Fund Supplemental		HF 2538	Passed the House on March 11.
Spending Limitations		HF 2545	Passed House Appropriations Committee on March 17.
Birth Certificate Registration Fees		SF 2059	Passed House on March 15.
FY 2006 Allowable Growth Rate		SF 2124	Governor vetoed on March 5.
Public Health Disaster Funding		SF 2153	Passed Senate on March 17.
Avian Influenza		SF 2194	Passed Senate Appropriations Committee on March 10.
Regents Bonding Authority		SF 2287	Passed Senate Appropriations Committee on March 10.
Federal Block Grant Bill		SF 2288	Passed Senate Appropriations Committee on March 10.

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## **MARCH REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE MEETING**

### **REC Meeting**

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) met on March 19, 2004, and increased FY 2004 estimated net General Fund receipts \$30.8 million and increased FY 2005 estimated net General Fund receipts \$52.2 million.

### **FY 2004**



The REC estimate for FY 2004 net General Fund receipts is now \$4.513 billion, an increase of \$29.9 million compared to actual FY 2003. Major changes from the December estimate include:

- A \$6.8 million increase in income tax receipts. The projected income tax revenue increase for FY 2004 is now \$116.4 million. Through March 19, 2004, income tax revenues increased \$104.1 million.
- A \$14.2 million increase in corporate tax receipts. The projected corporate tax revenue decrease for FY 2004 is now \$42.7 million. Through March 19, 2004, corporate tax revenue decreased \$11.8 million.
- A \$10.5 million decrease in estimated tax refunds. The projected increase in FY 2004 tax refunds is now \$78.2 million. Through March 19, 2004, tax refunds have increased \$109.3 million (cash basis).

### **FY 2004 Revenue Estimating Conference Projection**

Dollars in Millions

	<b>Actual FY 2003</b>	<b>December FY 2004 Estimate</b>	<b>March FY 2004 Estimate</b>	<b>Estimate Increase (Decrease)</b>
Income Tax	\$2,417.6	\$2,527.2	\$2,534.0	\$6.8
Sales/Use Tax	1,704.5	1,703.3	1,704.2	0.9
Corporate Tax	237.0	180.1	194.3	14.2
Insurance Tax	142.2	130.0	136.6	6.6
Other Taxes	233.9	225.2	227.0	1.8
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>\$4,735.2</b>	<b>\$4,765.8</b>	<b>\$4,796.1</b>	<b>\$30.3</b>
Other Receipts	\$311.5	\$341.2	\$343.1	\$1.9
Transfers	129.0	88.0	88.0	0.0
Accruals (Net)	-44.9	23.6	11.7	-11.9
Refunds	-647.3	-736.0	-725.5	10.5
Other Receipts & Adjustments	-\$251.7	-\$283.2	-\$282.7	\$0.5
<b>Net General Fund Receipts</b>	<b>\$4,483.5</b>	<b>\$4,482.6</b>	<b>\$4,513.4</b>	<b>\$30.8</b>

### **FY 2005**

The REC estimate for FY 2005 net General Fund receipts is now \$4.603 billion, an increase of \$89.1 million compared to the REC March 19 estimate for FY 2004. Major changes from the December estimate include:

- A \$3.7 million increase in projected personal income tax receipts.
- An \$8.7 million increase in Sales/Use tax receipts.
- A \$14.6 million increase in projected corporate tax receipts.
- A \$16.2 million decrease in estimated tax refunds.

FY 2005 Revenue Estimating Conference Projection				
Dollars in Millions				
	Estimate FY 2004	December FY 2005 Estimate	March FY 2005 Estimate	Estimate Increase (Decrease)
Income Tax	\$2,534.0	\$2,620.0	\$2,623.7	\$3.7
Sales/Use Tax	1,704.2	1,767.4	1,776.1	8.7
Corporate Tax	194.3	185.1	199.7	14.6
Insurance Tax	136.6	106.5	114.8	8.3
Other Taxes	227.0	220.1	221.9	1.8
Total Taxes	\$4,796.1	\$4,899.1	\$4,936.2	\$37.1
Other Receipts	\$343.1	\$290.8	\$293.2	\$2.4
Transfers	88.0	67.2	67.2	0.0
Accruals (Net)	11.7	5.4	1.9	-3.5
Refunds	-725.5	-712.2	-696.0	16.2
Other Receipts & Adjustments	-\$282.7	-\$348.8	-\$333.7	\$15.1
Net General Fund Receipts	<u>\$4,513.4</u>	<u>\$4,550.3</u>	<u>\$4,602.5</u>	<u>\$52.2</u>

### Summary Table

The following table provides a summary of the past two fiscal years and the two present REC estimates. A more detailed spreadsheet of the FY 2004 and FY 2005 estimates is available at

<http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/gre/gre.htm>.

Revenue Estimating Conference Projection				
Dollars in Millions				
	Actual FY 2002	Actual FY 2003	Estimate FY 2004	Estimate FY 2005
Income Tax	\$2,372.1	\$2,417.6	\$2,534.0	\$2,623.7
Sales/Use Tax	1,691.5	1,704.5	1,704.2	1,776.1
Corporate Tax	221.2	237.0	194.3	199.7
Insurance Tax	135.4	142.2	136.6	114.8
Other Taxes	241.7	233.9	227.0	221.9
Total Taxes	\$4,661.9	\$4,735.2	\$4,796.1	\$4,936.2
Other Receipts	\$345.6	\$311.5	\$343.1	\$293.2
Transfers	305.8	129.0	88.0	67.2
Accruals (Net)	30.6	-44.9	11.7	1.9
Refunds	-663.1	-647.3	-725.5	-696.0
Other Receipts & Adjustments	\$18.9	-\$251.7	-\$282.7	-\$333.7
Net General Fund Receipts	<u>\$4,680.8</u>	<u>\$4,483.5</u>	<u>\$4,513.4</u>	<u>\$4,602.5</u>
Year-over-year Incr./Decr.	<u>\$33.8</u>	<u>-\$197.3</u>	<u>\$29.9</u>	<u>\$89.1</u>

### More Information

Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) upon request.

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**ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION FY 2005  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSES SUBCOMMITTEE – LSB  
5000JA**

**Appropriations Bill**



The Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee met on March 17 and 18. On March 18, the Subcommittee discussed and passed LSB 5000JA (FY 2005 Administration and Regulation Appropriations Bill). The Bill appropriates \$91.6 million from the General Fund and 1,623.3 FTE positions, a decrease of \$2.8 million (2.9%) and 1.3 (0.1%) FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. Significant changes include:

- Department of Administrative Services - An increase of \$2.4 million and a decrease of 11.6 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. The changes include:
  - An increase of \$2.0 million for one-time, start-up cash flow needs for the new Department.
  - An increase of \$713,000 for increased utility costs at the Capitol Complex.
  - A decrease of \$237,000 and 5.0 FTE positions to transfer the resources used for Terrace Hill Operations to the Governor's Terrace Hill Quarters appropriation.
  - A decrease of 6.6 FTE positions to transition FTE positions to revolving funds.
- Office of the Governor - An increase of \$237,000 and 5.0 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004 to transfer the resources used for Terrace Hill Operations to the Governor's Terrace Hill Quarters appropriation.
- Department of Management - A decrease of \$5.6 million and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. Significant changes include:
  - A decrease of \$8.6 million for one-time funding for reinvention savings, local government innovation loans, and Charter Agency loans.
  - An increase of \$3.0 million from the General Fund to be distributed to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the State share for the purchase of technology services.
- Department of Revenue – An increase of \$270,000 and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2004 to provide General Fund support for positions funded with a FY 2004 Charter Agency Grant.



**Bill Summary**



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**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSES SUBCOMMITTEE – LSB  
6952JA****Appropriations Bill**

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee met March 16 through 18 and approved LSB 6952JA (FY 2005 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill) on March 18.

General Fund appropriations include:

- \$17.6 million and 410.6 FTE positions to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for FY 2005. This maintains the current level of General Fund support and FTE positions.
- \$632,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for the Dairy Regulatory Products Bureau. This maintains the current level of General Fund support.
- \$50,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for the testing and monitoring for the Avian Flu. This is a new appropriation.
- \$16.6 million and 1,080.2 FTE positions to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2005, a decrease of \$50,000 and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. The \$50,000 was transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for testing and monitoring the Avian Flu.

**Other Funds**

Significant Other Funds appropriations include:

- \$30.7 million to the Department of Natural Resources from the Fish and Game Protection Fund. This maintains the current level of support.
- \$1.4 million from the Boat Registration Fees Fund to the Fish and Game Protection Fund. This maintains the current level of support.

**Bill Summary**

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL  
PASSES SUBCOMMITTEE – LSB 5002JA****Appropriations Bill**

The Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee met March 16 through 18 and approved LSB 5002JA (FY 2005 Economic Development Appropriations Bill) on March 18.

**General Fund**

General Fund appropriations include:

- \$13.7 million and 153.8 FTE positions to the Department of Economic Development, which maintains the current level of General Fund support and FTE positions.
- \$3.0 million and 67.3 FTE positions to the Board of Regents institutions for economic development programs, which maintains the current level of General Fund support and FTE positions.



**Other Funds**

- \$4.9 million and 176.6 FTE positions to the Department of Workforce Development, which maintains the current level of General Fund support and FTE positions.
- \$896,00 and 10.0 FTE positions for the Public Relations Board, which maintains the current level of General Fund support and FTE positions.

Other Fund appropriations include:

- \$4.4 million from the Rural Community 2000 Program, Insurance receipts, from the Division of Commerce, the Community Development Loan Fund, the Workforce Development Fund, and the Job Training Fund, to the Department of Economic Development, which maintains the current level of support.
- \$7.2 million from the Administrative Contribution Surcharge Fund and the Employment Security Contingency Fund, which maintains the current level of support.

**Bill Summary**



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**EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSES SENATE  
SUBCOMMITTEE – LSB 5003JA**

**Appropriations Bill**



The Education Appropriations Subcommittee met on March 17 and the Senate Subcommittee approved LSB 5003JA (FY 2005 Education Appropriations Bill). The House recessed to take a final vote on the Bill on March 22.

The Bill appropriates a total of \$888.4 million from the General Fund and 17,239.1 FTE positions, an increase of \$8.0 million and no change in FTE positions compared to the FY 2004 estimated net appropriation. The Bill includes the following increases:

**Nat. Guard Assistance**

An increase of \$1.8 million to the College Student Aid Commission for the National Guard Education Assistance Program to provide full funding as requested by the National Guard.

**Tuition Grant Program**

An increase of \$1.9 million to the College Student Aid Commission for the Tuition Grant Program.

**Iowa Public Television**

An increase of \$142,000 for operational costs at Iowa Public Television. There will be an additional transfer of \$158,000 of carryover funds for a total increase of \$300,000.

**Community Colleges**

An increase of \$4.0 million to the Department of Education for Community College General Aid.

**Special Schools**

An increase of \$162,000 for the Iowa School for the Deaf and \$91,000 for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.

## Bill Summary

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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS PASSES SUBCOMMITTEE

## Appropriations



The Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee met March 16 through 18 and approved budget recommendations for FY 2005 on March 18.

General Fund appropriations include:

- \$2.6 million and 28.8 FTE positions to the Department of Elder Affairs, a decrease of \$8,000 and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$23.6 million and 372.3 FTE positions to the Department of Public Health, a decrease of \$356,000 and an increase of 0.3 FTE position compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$709.0 million and 5,379.0 FTE positions to the Department of Human Services, an increase of \$1.7 million and 92.8 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. Major changes include:
  - Economic Assistance:
    - An increase of \$2.9 million for the Family Investment Program (FIP).
    - A decrease of \$200,000 for the Child Support Recovery Unit.
  - Medical Services:
    - An increase of \$2.5 million for the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).
    - An increase of \$735,000 for Medical Contracts.
    - An increase of \$1.5 million for the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*) Program.
  - Children and Families: A decrease of \$9.2 million for Child and Family Services budget units, which are offset by federal funds and Iowa Finance Authority funds.
  - Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities:
    - An increase of \$2.4 million for the State Resource Centers at Glenwood and Woodward for salary supplementation and federal Department of Justice recommendation staff costs.
    - An increase of \$4.7 million for mental health allowed growth.
  - Administration: A decrease of \$3.5 million from health insurance savings and an offset from federal funds.
  - Veterans Affairs and Veterans Home: A decrease of \$162,000 from health insurance savings.



**Other Funds**



**More Information**

Other Fund appropriations include:

- \$148.4 million from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds, a decrease of \$716,000 compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$152.8 million from the Senior Living Trust Fund, a decrease of \$8.8 million compared to estimated net FY 2004.

A copy of the spreadsheet is available on the LSA web site at:

[http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/subcom/human\\_serv/handouts.htm](http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/subcom/human_serv/handouts.htm).

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**JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSES  
SUBCOMMITTEE – LSB 5006JA**

**Appropriations Bill**

The Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee met March 16 through 18 and approved LSB 5006JA (FY 2005 Judicial Branch Appropriations Bill) on March 18.

**General Fund**



General Fund appropriations include:

- \$117.8 million and 1,922.9 FTE positions for the FY 2005 Judicial Branch operating budget. This maintains the current level of General Fund Support and FTE positions.
- \$2.0 million for Judicial Retirement. This maintains the current level of General Fund Support.

**Bill Summary**

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**JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSES  
SUBCOMMITTEE – LSB 5005JA**

**Appropriations Bill**

The Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee met March 16 through 18 and approved LSB 5005JA (FY 2005 Justice System Appropriations Bill) on March 18.

**General Fund**

General Fund appropriations include:

- \$10.4 million and 255.5 FTE positions to the Department of Justice for FY 2005, an increase of \$5,000 and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$826,000 and 28.0 FTE positions to the Civil Rights Commission, which is no change compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$271.0 million and 4,106.8 FTE positions to the Department of Corrections (DOC), an increase of \$5.7 million and 24.7 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. Changes include:
  - An increase of \$2.2 million and 42.9 FTE positions to annualize operating costs of the 225-bed lodge at the Clarinda Correctional Facility.





- An increase of \$901,000 to fund 19.0 FTE positions currently authorized Parole/Probation Officers in Community-Based Corrections (CBC).
- An increase of \$1.1 million to fund increased costs of utilities in CBC District Departments and Institutions.
- An increase of \$1.3 million to fund increased costs and increased usage of pharmaceuticals.
- An increase of \$250,000 to conduct Hepatitis C testing on all new admissions at the Iowa Medical Classification Center at Oakdale.
- A decrease of 18.2 FTE positions to eliminate unfunded FTE positions.
- \$36.0 million and 202.0 FTE positions for the Office of the State Public Defender, which is no change compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$1.1 million and 30.1 FTE positions for the Law Enforcement Academy, which is no change compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$1.1 million and 16.5 FTE positions for the Board of Parole, an increase of \$50,000 and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$6.2 million and 336.1 FTE positions to the Department of Public Defense, which is no change in funding and an increase of 28.8 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004.
- \$67.0 million and 905.5 FTE positions to the Department of Public Safety, an increase of \$5.0 million and 11.0 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. Significant increases include:
  - \$1.6 million to restore the FY 2004 across-the-board reduction for FY 2005.
  - \$250,000 to provide replacement funding for the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Crime Lab.
  - \$226,000 and 4.0 FTE positions for Fire Marshal Inspectors.
  - \$867,000 for vehicle depreciation.
  - \$1.2 million for the Iowa State Patrol to replace the one-time federal funding.
  - \$280,000 and 4.0 FTE positions for additional criminalists for the DCI.



#### Other Funds

A \$50,000 appropriation from the Second Injury Fund to reimburse the Office of the Attorney General for costs incurred in representing the State.

#### Bill Summary

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### FINAL ACTION ON TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL – SF 2112

#### Transportation Bill

The House passed Senate File 2112 (FY 2005 Transportation Appropriations Bill) on March 15. The Bill appropriates a total of \$274.1 million to the Department of Transportation (DOT), which includes \$41.2 million from the



Road Use Tax Fund, \$232.9 million from the Primary Road Fund, and 3,421.0 FTE positions, which is a decrease of \$7.5 million (2.7%) and 21.0 (0.6%) FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2004. The following table summarizes the appropriations.

**Department of Transportation**  
(in millions)

	<b>Estimate Net FY 2004</b>	<b>Proposed Legis. Action FY 2005</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 46.2	\$ 41.2	\$ -5.0	-10.8%
Primary Road Fund	235.4	232.9	-2.5	-1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 281.6</b>	<b>\$ 274.1</b>	<b>\$ -7.5</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>

**Bill Summary**

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**NOBA**

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**SENATE PASSES THEFT BILL – HF 2399**

**Stolen Property**



The Senate passed HF 2399 (Theft Bill) on March 15. The Bill provides that if property is stolen from different locations by two or more acts within a 30-day period and the thefts are attributable to a person or group of persons acting together, these acts may be considered a single theft and the value of the thefts may be the total value of all the property stolen.

According to the Justice Data Warehouse, there were 14,910 convictions for theft during FY 2003. Enhancing existing penalties increases demand for resources in the criminal justice system. This includes costs in the Judicial Branch, Community-Based Corrections (CBC), the State prison system, and indigent defense.

**Fiscal Impact**

The State's increased cost range for one conviction of an enhanced penalty is:

- From a simple to a serious misdemeanor conviction, the range is \$86 to \$4,700.
- From a simple to an aggravated misdemeanor conviction, the range is \$1,100 to \$4,700.
- From a simple misdemeanor to a Class D felony conviction, the range is \$2,000 to \$7,700.
- From a serious to an aggravated misdemeanor conviction, the cost is \$1,000.
- From a serious misdemeanor to a Class D felony conviction, the range is \$1,900 to \$3,000.
- From an aggravated misdemeanor to a Class D felony, the range is \$900 to \$3,000.



**More Information**

The Fiscal Note for HF 2399 is available on the LSA web site at:  
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**HOUSE PASSES COUNTY TREASURER LICENSING  
MONEYS BILL – HF 2433****County Treasurer Bill****Driver License Study**

The House passed HF 2433 (County Treasurer Licensing Moneys Bill) as amended. The Bill provides that County Treasurers will retain \$7.00 instead of \$5.00 for each issuance or renewal of a driver's license or nonoperator identification card beginning in FY 2005.

House File 2433 requires the State Auditor, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Iowa County Treasurers Association, to conduct a study on the fiscal impact of the County Driver's License Issuance Program and to issue a report to the General Assembly. The Report will be used for adjusting the amount of fees retained by County Treasurers for issuance of driver's licenses and nonoperator identification cards.

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 2433 is an increase in revenue of \$856,000 to the general fund of counties and a decrease of the same amount to the Road Use Tax Fund in FY 2005 and beyond.

**More Information**

The Fiscal Note for HF 2433 is available on the LSA web site at:  
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**FINAL ACTION ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION  
FEES BILL – SF 2059****Birth Certificates**

The House passed SF 2059 (Birth Certificate Registration Fees Bill) on March 15. The Bill appropriates fees from the registration of birth certificates to primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs and the Birth Defects Institute Central Registry. The fees are collected by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the Department of Public Health and are deposited into the General Fund. The Bill raises the current registration fee of \$15.00 to \$20.00 beginning in FY 2006.

**Fee Appropriated**

The Bill appropriates \$10.00 of the \$15.00 fee for primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs and \$5.00 for the Birth Defects Institute Central Registry in both FY 2004 and FY 2005. Beginning in FY 2006, the Bill appropriates \$10.00 for primary and secondary child abuse prevention programs and \$10.00 for the Birth Defects Institute Central Registry.

**Fiscal Impact**

The following table summarizes the fiscal impact:



<b>Birth Registration Fees</b>			
	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Fees	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 480,000
<b>Distribution</b>			
Child Abuse Prevention	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
Birth Defects Institute	120,000	120,000	240,000
Total	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 480,000

**Bill Summary**

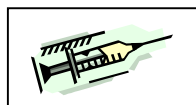
A copy of the Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/index.jsp>.

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**SENATE PASSES PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER FUNDING BILL – SF 2153**

**Public Health Disaster**



The Senate passed SF 2153 (Public Health Disaster Funding Bill) on March 17. The Bill permits the Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Governor, to provide financial assistance to local governments in the event of a public health emergency or disaster. Funding would be from unencumbered funds in the Department of Public Health and allows the Governor to issue an Executive Order that provides additional funding from the General Fund if funding from the Department of Public Health is insufficient.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of SF 2153 cannot be determined, as the costs would depend upon the type and severity of the emergency.

**Bill Summary**

A copy of the Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/index.jsp>.

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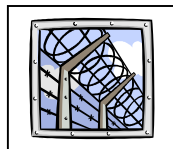
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**HOUSE PASSES CHILD ENDANGERMENT BILL – SF 2166**

**Child Endangerment**

The House passed SF 2166 (Child Endangerment Bill) on March 15. The Bill provides a sentencing option for offenders who commit child endangerment resulting in the death of a child or minor.

**Proposed Sentence**



The sentence imposed under SF 2166 is a Class B felony with a maximum sentence of 50 years; however, the sentence is not subject to a mandatory minimum term of confinement. Under this sentencing option, it would not be necessary to prove malice aforethought. The average time served in prison for an offender convicted of a Class B felony crime against a person is 11.3 years.

**Correctional Impact**

There is no correctional impact over the next five years. An offender sentenced under SF 2166 would serve less time in prison (11.3 years) than an individual convicted of murder in the first degree (life in prison) or murder in the second degree (35.0 years).

**More Information**

The Fiscal Note for SF 2166 is available on the LSA web site at:  
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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**GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING****Oversight Meeting**

The House Government Oversight Committee met on March 17 and 18. On March 18, the Committee passed HF 469 (State Vehicle Fleet Bill). The Bill relates to the sale and disposition of a portion of the State vehicle fleet. The Committee passed Companion Study Bills, SSB 3074 and HSB 623 (Competitive Bidding Bill). The Bills relates to the process of establishing and renewing master contracts for purchase of equipment, supplies, or services.

**More Information**

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH MARCH MEETING****Board Meeting**

The Board of Health met on March 10 and conducted the following business:

- Received a report regarding problem gambling and gambling treatment programs.
- Received an update on legislative actions.
- Approved administrative rules relating to:
  - Radiation machines and radioactive materials.
  - Lead hazards and lead professional certifications.
  - Birth centers within health care facilities administrative rules, by the Department of Inspections and Appeals.
  - Utilization of paid nutritional assistants within nursing facilities, by the Department of Inspections and Appeals.
  - Identification of residents eligible for veteran benefits within various nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities, by the Department of Inspections and Appeals.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12.

**More Information**

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